

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT CHATTANOOGA

RONALD L COSPER, )  
 )  
Petitioner, ) Case No. 1:21-cv-114  
v. ) Judge Atchley  
 ) Magistrate Judge Steger  
JOHNNY FITZ, )  
 )  
Respondent. )

**O R D E R**

In accordance with the accompanying memorandum opinion, Petitioner's pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 [Doc. 1] is **DENIED**, and this action is **DISMISSED**. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to close the civil file.

Also, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum opinion, a COA will **NOT ISSUE**. Therefore, Petitioner is **DENIED** leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* on any subsequent appeal. 28 U.S.C. § 2253; Rule 22(b) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

**SO ORDERED.**

*/s/ Charles E. Atchley, Jr.*  
**CHARLES E. ATCHLEY, JR.**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

ENTERED AS A JUDGMENT

/s/ Leanna R. Wilson  
CLERK OF COURT